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Patent Attorney's Docket No. <u>032735-004</u>

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re P	aten	t Application of			
Yasushi SHIGEMORI et al.			Group Art Unit: 1637		
Application No.: 09/989,526		n No.: 09/989,526) Examiner: Teresa E. Strzelecka		
Filed:	No	ovember 21, 2001	Confirmation No.: 9938		
For:	PC ST	ETHOD FOR DETECTING DNA DLYMORPHISM APPLYING TRIPLE RAND DNA FORMATION CCHNIQUE))))		
		AMENDMENT AND REPLY	TRANSMITTAL LETTER		
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Sir:					
E	nclo	sed is an Amendment and Reply for the a	bove-identified patent application.		
[]	A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.			
[-	A Terminal Disclaimer and the [] \$55.00 (2814) [] \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.			
[]	Also enclosed is/are			
[]	Small entity status is hereby claimed.			
[]	Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$385.00 (2801) [] \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).			
			ously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be requested based on the enclosed documents		
		[] Applicant(s) previously submitted _ requested.	_, on, for which continued examination is		
		does not exceed three months from	action by the Office until at least, which the filing of this RCE, in accordance with fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.		

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[]	A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a)
	(1809/2809) is also enclosed.

- [X] No additional claim fee is required.
- [] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

	No. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	Add'l Fee	
Total Claims	10	MINUS 20 =	-0-	× \$18.00 (1202) =		
Independent Claims	-0-	MINUS 3 =	-0-	× \$86.00 (1201) =	-0-	
If Amendment adds mu	ltiple depend	lent claims, add \$29	0.00 (1203)			
Total Claim Amendmen	nt Fee		- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
If small entity status is	claimed, sub	tract 50% of Total	Claim Amend	ment Fee		
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[]	A check in the amou	nt of \$	is enclosed	for the	fee	due.
[]	Charge \$	to Deposit Account N	o. 02-4800.			

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed on December 20, 2002 and the Official Communication mailed on November 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: